

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/7/2011.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 11-14 now renumbered as 1-12.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: ____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20110927
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

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Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2196

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Alexandra Daoud (Reg. No. 55,992) on September 27, 2011.

3. Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) In a computer system, a method for providing improved real time command execution in a non real time operating system, comprising:

executing at least one application at a user mode level of the non real time operating system running on at least one Central Processing Unit (CPU);

having said at least one application at said user mode level determine a sequence to be followed for a set of commands;

providing from said at least one application said sequence of commands to a software command dispatcher operating in privileged mode of said non real time operating system, said sequence of commands to be executed in real time;

storing commands of said sequence of commands, using the software command dispatcher, in a command queue to be accessible from the privileged mode of said non real time operating system;

accessing the command queue from ~~[[a]]~~ the software command dispatcher operating in the privileged mode of the non real time and selecting the commands therefrom: and

initiating one at a time, from the privileged mode of said non real time operating system and using the at least one CPU and the software command dispatcher, real time execution of each of said commands.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of sequences of asynchronous commands is provided, each sequence of the plurality of sequences being related to a corresponding application thread, further wherein said storing commands is performed in a corresponding queue from the execution of said corresponding application thread.

3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a synchronous command is added to said sequence of commands, said at least one application sleeping until said synchronous command is executed.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein a synchronous command is added to said plurality of sequences of asynchronous commands, said

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corresponding application thread sleeping until said synchronous command is executed.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said storing is performed through execution of a driver routine.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said providing said sequence of commands involves said commands being pushed one at a time through a system call.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said commands stored in the command queue is a branch command to control an order of execution of said commands.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said initiating, one at a time, real time execution of said commands is done at an Interrupt Service Routine level of the privileged mode of the non real time operating system.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

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11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said sequence of commands process a same data set.

12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said same data set is a video camera image being captured and processed in real time.

13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said providing said sequence of commands involves said commands being pushed one at a time through a system call.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said storing said commands is performed through execution of a driver routine from a system file.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The primary reason for the allowance of the Claims 1 is the inclusion of the limitation,

“providing from said at least one application said sequence of commands to a software command dispatcher operating in privileged mode of said non real time

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operating system, said sequence of commands to be executed in real time; storing commands of said sequence of commands, using the software command dispatcher, in a command queue to be accessible from the privileged mode of said non real time operating system; accessing the command queue from the software command dispatcher operating in the privileged mode of the non real time and selecting the commands therefrom: and initiating one at a time, from the privileged mode of said non real time operating system and using the at least one CPU and the software command dispatcher, real time execution of each of said commands” in conjunction with the rest of the limitations set forth in the claim.

Claims 2-8 and 11-14 depending on claim 1, therefore, are considered allowable on the basis of claims 1, 13, and 20 as well as for the further limitations set forth.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

CONCLUSION

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KimbleAnn Verdi whose telephone number is (571)270-1654. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm EST.

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7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emerson Puente can be reached on (571) 272-3652. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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